



## **Fire Season is Fast Approaching. Cut Down on Fire Danger by Cutting Your Grass Now!**

Last year we had the Chetco Bar Fire burning almost 200,000 acres. Dry grass fields are the perfect starting point for a fire, and our high winds can stoke those fires into a blaze.

### **City of Gold Beach Nuisance Code Section 5.235 Prohibits Noxious Growths**

No person in charge of real property shall allow noxious growths on the property. Noxious growths are hereby declared a nuisance. "Noxious Growths" are defined as:

Any vegetation, including grass and/or weeds, which:

- Poses a fire hazard because it is dry and more than twelve (12) inches high and is either within 100 feet of a structure or an opened public right-of way; or within thirty (30) feet of other types of combustibles; or is otherwise a fire hazard as determined by the City Fire Chief;
- Encroaches onto an opened public right-of-way or across a property line;
- Poses a traffic hazard because it impairs the view of a public thoroughfare or otherwise makes use of the thoroughfare hazardous, impairs the view of street signs, or in the opinion of the City Chief of Police is a traffic hazard based on sound principles of traffic management;
- Creates an unsafe area to which children may be attracted;
- Is used for habitation by trespassers;
- Harbors rodents or other animals that pose a health threat to humans;
- Are listed as noxious or invasive by federal, state or county authorities.

It shall be the duty of any owner or person in charge of real property to abate noxious growths from said property. The person in charge shall be liable for the cost of the abatement as provided in this Code. The City Administrator or designee may enter upon the property at reasonable times for the purpose of investigating and abating conditions prohibited by this Code.

No person in charge of property may allow noxious vegetation to be on the property or in the right-of-way of a public thoroughfare abutting on the property. It shall be the duty of the person in charge of the property to cut down or to destroy grass, shrubbery, brush, bushes, weeds, or other noxious vegetation as often as needed to prevent them from becoming

unsightly, from becoming a safety, health or fire hazard, or, in the case of weeds or other noxious vegetation from maturing or from going to seed.

Between February 1 and November 30 of each year, the City Administrator may cause to be published three (3) times in a newspaper of general circulation in the City a copy of this section as a notice to all owners of property of their duty to keep their property free from noxious vegetation. The City intends to abate all such reported nuisances ten (10) or more days after notifying the person in charge of the property. If the City abates the nuisance a lien for such costs will be filed on the property.

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